THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE—*EXTRA.*

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YORK,

The Seat of Government of Upper Canada, taken by the Americans.

The following important and pleasing Intelligence was received by the Editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette, in a letter from his friend at Erie, dated May 3, 1813.

Lieut. Holdeep, of the Navy, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Buffalo, bringing the pleasing intelligence of the taking of York, the seat of government of the province of Upper Canada, on Tuesday the 27th ult. by the combined land and naval forces under General Dearborn and Commodore Chauncey. The fleet sailed from Sackets harbour a day or two before, carrying about 3000 land forces; and made directly for York, where it commenced a brisk cannonade on the fort and batteries, defended by nearly 2000 men.—1000 of onr men were soon after landed under cover of the guns of the vessels, and proceeded immediately to the batteries, which were carried in a short time, and soon after the town and fort capitulated.—Gen. Sheaffe with a few hundred men made their escape, but are considered prisoners of war by Gen. Dearborne, as they did not clear out until after the white flag had been hoisted in token of submission.

After our troops got possession of the fort, the magazine blew up, by which near 200 of our men were killed, among whom was Gen. Pike, and about fifty of the enemy, shared the same fate. It was supposed a slow match had been left burning when the enemy evacuated the fort.

One thousand prisoners were taken, in which were a great number of Indians.—All the clothing for the Indian department was found deposited here, and an immense quantity of military stores of all kinds.

A vessel from the fleet had arrived at Niagara, before Lieut. Holdeep left Buffalo, and in consequence of the orders she brought, about 1000 troops had marched from Black Rock to Niagara, to join with those on board the fleet, which was shortly expected there, to make an immediate attack on Fort George, and Lieut. Holdeep thinks it is in possession of our troops before this time.

A fine vessel the enemy had on the stocks at York, was destroyed, and two small ones in the harbor was taken.

The loss on our side did not exceed 200 men, the most of these were destroyed by the blowing up of the magazine.

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4th May, 1813.

The mail carrier from Buffalo arrived here since writing the foregoing. He confirms the account, and further states, that when he left Buffalo on Saturday afternoon, a heavy cannonading had been distinctly heard for some hours in the direction of Fort George.

...rcements are daily arriving—we shall

MANSION HOUSE, April 26, 1813.